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Dear Sir:

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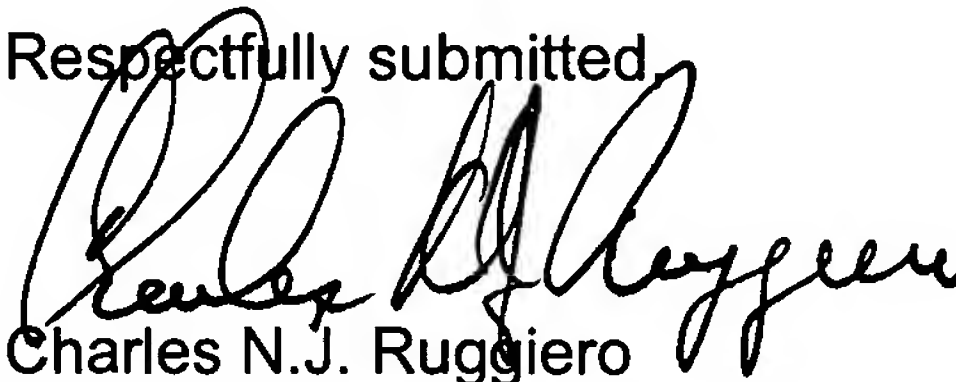
We are also enclosing copies of the non-US references listed on the attached PTO-1449. Copies of available English abstracts of the aforementioned patents, patent applications and articles are enclosed herewith.

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Applicant respectfully requests favorable consideration and that this application be passed to allowance.

Respectfully submitted,



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